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FOLLOWING REPEAT QUITO 2876 ACTION SECSTATE DATED MAY 03:

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP, TD (MRS. CARTER), EC

SUBJECT: VISIT OF MRS. CARTER TO ECUADOR

REF: STATE 096708

1. THE FOLLOWING IS A SUGGESTED SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES
FOR MRS. CARTER'S VISIT. IT HAS NOT REPEAT NOT BEEN
DISCUSSED WITH THE GOE, INASMUCH AS I WOULD PREFER FIRST
TO HAVE AN IDEA OF THE KIND OF PROGRAM MRS. CARTER WOULD
LIKE.

2. MRS. CARTER SHOULD HAVE A BRIEF STATEMENT FOR THE PRESS
UPON ARRIVAL. GIVEN QUITO'S ALTITUDE (9300 FEET) IT WOULD
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NOT BE ADVISABLE TO SCHEDULE ANY STRENUOUS ACTIVITIES FOR
THE AFTERNOON OR EVENING OF ARRIVAL. I SUGGEST A BRIEFING
BY THE COUNTRY TEAM AT THE CHANCERY, FOLLOWED BY
REMARKS TO THE EMBASSY STAFF. AFTERWARDS, A LIGHT
SUPPER, AND EARLY TO BED.

3. THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES ARE SUGGESTED FOR JUNE 2 NOT

NECESSARILY IN ORDER:

(A) A MEETING WITH THE SUPREME COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT. THIS IS ECUADOR'S THREE-MAN JUNTA, COMPOSED OF THE COMMANDERS OF EACH OF THE MILITARY SERVICES. THE NAVY COMMANDER, ADMIRAL POVEDA, IS THE PRESIDENT. THIS WOULD BE A COMBINED PROTOCOL AND BUSINESS MEETING. THE FOREIGN MINISTER AND POSSIBLY OTHER CABINET OFFICERS WOULD PARTICIPATE. APPROXIMATELY ONE AND HALF HOURS.

(B) A MOTOR TOUR OF COLONIAL QUITO. THIS CITY IS ONE OF THE GREAT TREASURE-HOUSES OF COLONIAL ARCHITECTURE AND ART IN THE AMERICAS. MRS. CARTER MAY WISH TO VISIT ONE OR TWO CHURCHES ENROUTE. FORTY-FIVE MINUTES.

(C) VISIT THE MUSEUM OF THE CENTRAL BANK. THIS HOUSES A MAGNIFICENT COLLECTION OF PRE-COLOMBIAN ART OF WHICH THE ECUADOREANS ARE JUSTLY PROUD. THIRTY MINUTES.

(D) LUNCHEON AT EMBASSY RESIDENCE. THIS WOULD PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY TO TALK WITH PROMINENT ECUADOREANS INCLUDING GOVERNMENT, BUSINESS, AND MEDIA. TWO HOURS.

(E) VISIT FACILITIES OF PROTESTANT GROUPS (SCHOOL, HOSPITAL, AND RADIO STATION ALL LOCATED IN ONE SECRET

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AREA). ECUADOR HAS ONE OF THE LARGEST CONCENTRATION OF U.S. PROTESTANT MISSIONARIES IN LATIN AMERICA. A STOP AT THE QUITO FACILITIES WOULD PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY TO SEE MRS. CARTER. SHE COULD TOUR THE FACILITIES QUICKLY AND SAY A FEW WORDS TO AMERICANS WHO WOULD GATHER IN THE SCHOOL GYMNASIUM. THIRTY MINUTES.

(F) VISIT A CENTER FOR SHOESHINE BOYS FOUNDED AND RUN BY AN AMERICAN JESUIT, WHO IS ASSISTED BY AN AMERICAN NUN AND SEVERAL PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS. THE CENTER IS HOUSED IN A MODERN BUILDING CONSTRUCTED WITH U.S. VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS AND AID FUNDS. THE BOYS ATTEND GRAMMAR SCHOOL AT THE CENTER IN THE MORNINGS AND WORK AT SHINING SHOES IN THE AFTERNOON. THE OLDER BOYS ARE LEARNING VARIOUS TRADES ON A HALF-MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF SHOP EQUIPMENT PROVIDED BY AID. THE CENTER ALSO PROVIDES

SOCIAL AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES FOR THE BOYS' FAMILIES. THIRTY MINUTES.

(G) EVENING RECEPTION AT THE PALACE OF GOVERNMENT HOSTED BY PRESIDENT OF ECUADOR AND THE OTHER TWO MEMBERS OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL. TWO AND A HALF HOURS.

4. JUNE 3. EARLY DEPARTURE. I SUGGEST A PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE AIRPORT.

5. THE AMBASSADOR AND MRS. BLOOMFIELD WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO HAVE MRS. CARTER AND MRS. VANCE STAY AT THE EMBASSY RESIDENCE. THERE ARE FIVE BLOOMFIELDS AND FIVE BEDROOMS BUT WE CAN OFFER EACH OF THE LADIES A PRIVATE ROOM WITH A SHARED BATH BETWEEN. ALTERNATIVELY, MRS. CARTER AND MRS. VANCE MAY WISH TO STAY WITH THE REST OF THEIR
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PARTY AT THE HOTEL QUITO, WHICH IS ADJACENT TO THE EMBASSY RESIDENCE.

6. PLEASE COMMENT ASAP ON ABOVE AND PROVIDE INFORMATION ON NUMBER OF RESERVATIONS NECESSARY FOR PARTY.
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